

DOWN THE TUBES

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Finally broke down and bought me a typewriter. These electronic wonders sure are neat. I haven't mastered it yet, so you'll have to bear with me for an issue or two until I get the technique down. This will really speed things up considerably, but you never know when the US Post Office will stick their nose in it. Two players got the last issue less than 7 days before the deadline. Incidentally, both were from NYC. Luckily, both decided not to delay their respective games (thank goodness).

Still have three openings left in the next gamestart. The game will start as soon as one of the current games end. I have set my game load at three because that is where I feel most comfortable. Those signed up for the next game are Young, Sandelin, Harris and Fargo.

For the third consecutive issue, I have not had to call a standby. I commend all the players for a job well done. As you know, none of the people on the standby list are playing in any of the games and I would like to keep it that way. Should be no problem at this rate. Those on the standby list are Martin, Johnston, Stevens and Young. Thanks for hanging in there.

One person expressed an interest in playing Rail Baron postally. If I can get three more of you signed up, I'll start a game. I do have experience as a player in postal Rail Baron and I must say that I am enjoying myself immensely. The games run alot smoother than you might think. Games will be on two week deadlines if one gets underway.

I was trying to keep this issue down to four pages, but there is just no way due to the volume of press that I received. It is really encouraging to see this kind of participation here. 1984 has been a very good year for me and I will continue to give you the best that I have to offer. Slowly, but surely I am getting the quality back up where it belongs, but more importantly I have met my goal of getting out as quick as possible. I don't want to pat myself on the back, but I just feel good about the job I have done and you have let me know it too. Thanks for the support.

* DEADLINE FOR GAMES IS 29 SEP 84 *



* There is a proposal to concede the game to Russia. Please vote with next season's orders.

ENGLAND - Ed Jacobs - F Mid-POR, F Eng-BRE, A PAR S German A Gas-BUR, A Bel-RUH,
F Nth-DEN(F SKA S).

FRANCE - Marc Peters - A Ruh-KIE(A MUN S).

ITALY - Kevin Tighe - F Wes-SPA(sc), A VEN h(F ADR S), F EAS-Smy(F AEG S), F ION-EAS.

GERMANY - Bill Quinn - A Gas-BUR, A PIE S Italian A VEN, A LVN-Den(F BAL C),

A Kie S A LVN-Den(dsl, ret Hol or Otb).

RUSSIA - Jeff Sandelin - F BER S French A Ruh-KIE, A SIL S F BER, A TYO-Ven(F TRI S),
A VIE S F TRI, A Bud-GAL, A GRE h(A SER S), F Bla-BUL(ec),
A SYR-Smy(F CON S), A SwE-Den, A FIN-Swe, A STP & A MOS support
each other.

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MARC-ED: Don't sweat it -- you don't have to eat your hat. (Not that you own one anyway, they don't usually make hats for pinheads.) Of course I've been in touch with Jeff for most of the game. And Kevin, and Ken, and even Germany once in awhile. You see, Ed, that is how this game is played: You continually write most of the players in the game. If you think back real, real hard, you'll recall that I even wrote to you, until you stopped writing back. But you being what you are -- among other things, the most inflexible, single-minded player I've ever encountered -- you probably haven't quite got this figured out yet. Sure I'm helping Russia to the win now; why shouldn't I? You have not made a single effort to curtail his growth since day one. Instead, you chose to continue your pointless attacks on me despite the number of attempts I made to work things out with you. Jeff is the only player who has been even close to honest with me, and now he shall reap his reward. Yes, your fault, and you know it; you could have stopped Russia long ago. But the board situation never is your primary concern -- just go for as many dots as you can get before the game ends. Do everyone a favor and take yourself out of the hobby, ED.

ITALY-RUSSIA: Looks like it's all over except for the shouting. And I'll leave that to Ed & Marc.

ITALY-ENGLAND: Oh why why why why why why why why?

GERMANY-RUSSIA: Looks like you're a winner to me. Don't blow it and make me a liar.

MARC-KEVIN: Yes, you jumped the gun a bit on the four-way. Sorry to have to act this way. Generally, I ALWAYS play against the leader. In this case I have no reason to, and every reason not to. You can't stop Russia without Jacob's help anyway, and you're not going to get it. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me at all to see the jerk go for your Iberian holdings. Why not read the writing on the wall and go back to at least stop England from playing his little boy's game. Thanks, by the way, for the compliment, whether or not it was intended that way.

Actually, though, the nuke war has left so much shit, uh, radiation in France that I've been forced to evacuate my beloved Land for Germany. Oh well, I serve my purpose just as well here

RUSSIA-ITALY: Someone has to fight me? Why?

JEFF-ED: What flavor hat do you have? Marc and I went quite a stretch without communicating.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1910

ENGLAND - Home, Bel, Bre, DEN, Nwy, PAR, POR

9 build 3

FRANCE - Par, Mun, KIE

2 even

GERMANY - Ber, Kie, Den, Mar, Hol

2 remove 3

ITALY - Home, Por, Spa, Tun

5 remove 1

RUSSIA - Home, Turkey, BER, Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Swe, Tri, Vie

16 build 1

AUSTRIA - John Ringhoffer - F Tri-AOR, A Vie-TRI, A SER h.
 ENGLAND - Rose Donaghue - A Yor-NWY(F NTH C), F Lon-ENG.
 FRANCE - Jay Brumbaugh - F Bre-MIO, A Spa-POR, A BUR S German A Ruh-BEL.
 GERMANY - Andy Clough - A Ruh-BEL, A Kie-HOL, F OEN-Swe
 ITALY - Ed Jacobs - A VEN h, A Rom-APU, F lon- TUN.
 RUSSIA - Bob Balinski - F BOT-Swe, A War-GAL(A UKR S), F RUM h.
 TURKEY - Charles Fargo - A Bul-GRE, F Con-BUL(sc), A Ank-CON.

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AUSTRIA-GM: Why not name the next game the Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl. We will rise again. The Padres probably will win the pennant if the Phillies don't stop using baby oil in their gloves. ((Elsewhere in this zine I mentioned that I wasn't much for football, but I love basketball and it just so happens that my favorite team for hoops is from Philadelphia, therefore, I have named this game in honor of the best basketball team on earth.))

TURKEY-GERMANY: The paper shortage in Italy is reaching critical proportions.

MUNICH: German Paranoia continues as Russia-Italy continue to refuse to communicate with the Kaiser. Silesian and Tyrolian attacks are expected.

ANDY-JAY: Munich is unoccupied, isn't it?

LONDON-KAISER: Your polished black boots are made for walking!?

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA: Does this mean you don't want to be friends?

LONDON-SULTAN: Congrats on your alliance with the Ruskies. One good witch deserves another!

TURKEY: Seeing chaos on the Austrian borders, Turkish forces have moved into Greece and Bulgaria in an attempt to halt the spread of hostilities.

LONDON-MOSCOW: Our move into Norway was designed only to protect the Norwegians against foreign intervention. Consider us not a threat!

GERMANY: Dots, dots, more dots!

AUSTRIA-ITALY: Watch your back. France would be a fool not to come down and pick up the pieces in the war torn Mediterranean.

LONDON-BREAST: How about you and I getting together next season and opening a bottle of your best vintage to celebrate the crossing of the Channel. I'll bring our best tea and china along.

RUSSIA-GM: Having liked the Padres for 8 years, now I can safely say this is the year they take it all.

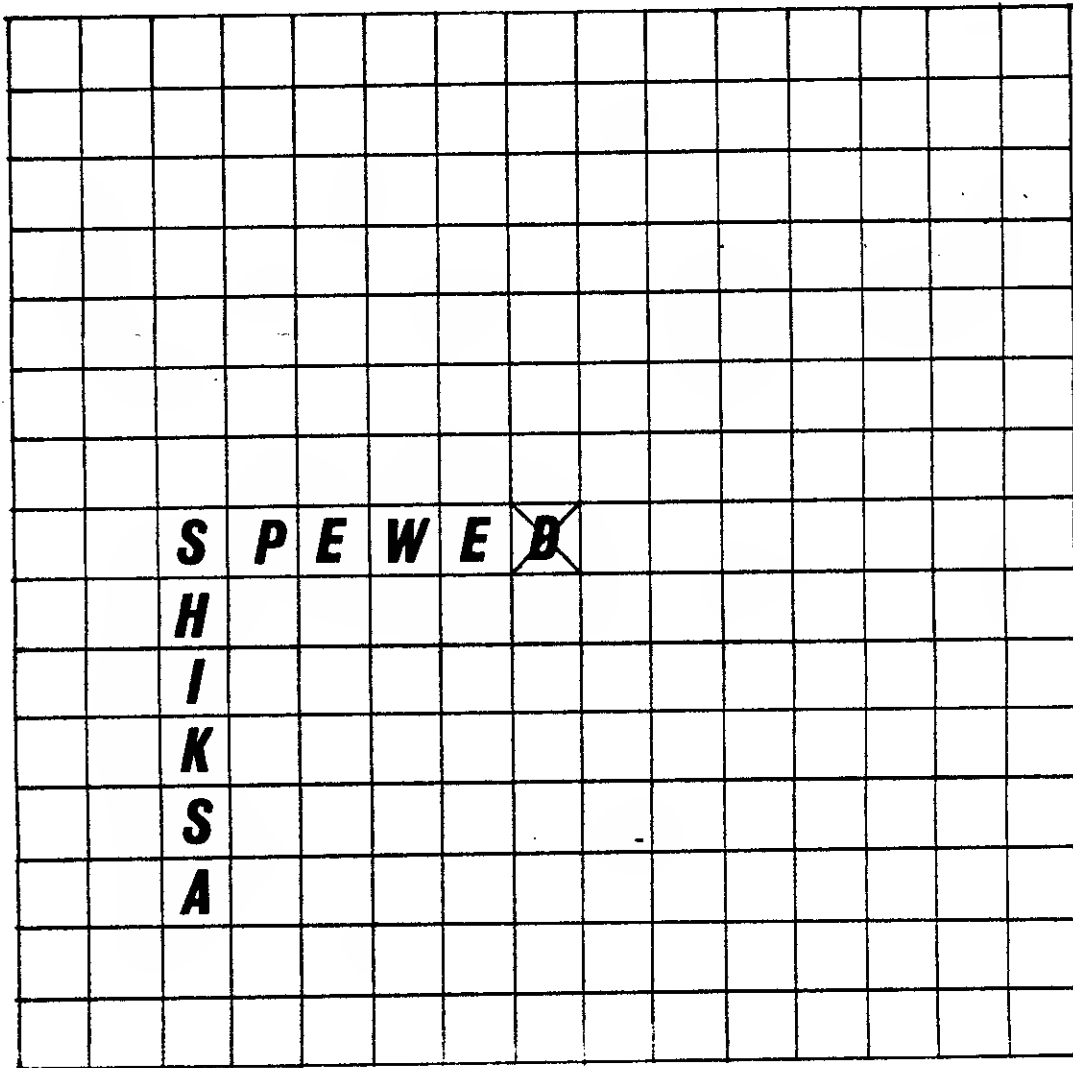
TURKEY-GM: Padres get my vote as World Baseball Champs!

GM-RUSSIA & TURKEY: How sweet it is!

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1901

AUSTRIA - Home, SER	4 build 1
ENGLAND - Home, NWY	4 build 1
FRANCE - Home, POR	4 build 1
GERMANY - Home, BEL, OEN, HOL	6 build 3
ITALY - Home, TUN	4 build 1
RUSSIA - Home, RUM	5 build 1
TURKEY - Home, BUL, GRE	5 build 2

SCRABBLE

SHIK-SA (Shik'se) n. Yiddish. A girl or woman who is not Jewish.

SHIKSA gets 34 points (H on the double letter and A on the double word). Again, both Linda and Karen got the top score. Peter submitted HAWKS for 25 points and Ken gave me SHAKE for 24. Jean Fargo (taking over for her husband Charles) used WHISK which yielded only 17 points. Standings after the 2nd round of action are as follows:

1. 64 points (tie) Linda Quinn and Karen Wood.
3. 45 points (tie) Peter Baker and Jean Fargo.
5. 44 points Ken Hager.

The letters for the 3rd round are: T-A-Z-N-A-O-U.

AUSTRIA - Kathy Byrne - F Alb-ION, A Vie-TRI, A Ser-GRE.
ENGLAND - Peter Baker - F Nth-NwY, A Wal-BEL(F ENG C).
FRANCE - Russell Wood - A Par-BRE, F Mid-POR, A Mar-SPA.
GERMANY - George Graessle - F DEN-Swe, A Kie-HOL, A Mun-BUR.
ITALY - Marc Peters - A Ven-TYO, A Tri-SER, F Ion-AEG.
RUSSIA - Ken Hager - F BOT-Swe, A Wal-GAL, A Ukr-RUM(F SEV S).
TURKEY - Marc Harris - A BUL-Rum, F Ank-BLA, A Con-ANK.

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MARC-BOARD: Oh, MY GOD!!! Now I know how Kathy always gets out of all those tight spots. I still can't believe she forced me to go along with this crazy scheme. My tortured mind screams to warn all Dip players what happens when you take on Kathy the Horrible, and what foul means she uses to cruelly convert her enemies into mere quivering puppets for her maniacal machinations. But even as I try to warn everyone, she merely twists her hand, and cackles gleefully as I scream in nervesearing pain. I can't break loose; I am nothing more than another broken, crumpled marionette collapsed among her vast collection. The truth is out, but it is too late for me. Beware, you who would risk Kathy's wrath, that you do not fall into the same dismal fate that this poor soul has found.

ITALY-AUSTRIA: Hi, toots!

LONDON-ROME: Cute move, guy.

ITALY-ENGLAND: That bit of press last time was Kathy's way of nicely asking you to write. I highly recommend you do so before she asks in a not-so-nice fashion.

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND-AUSTRIA & GM: Padres? Hah! Mets? Snicker How 'bout them O's, huh? Okay, so the Birds are 14½ games behind. So what? They're not the reigning World Champs for nothin' ya know! (Now see what you've made me do? I don't even like baseball! Go 'Skins!)

GM-UNITED KINGDOM: I guess we're even - I don't like football.

VEN-MUN: Tsk, Tsk, George -- after a very nice long letter and two phone calls before the Spring moves, you do not move as you promised, and then fail to write at all for the Fall moves. You ought to know, George, that while I'm far and away from a top notch Dip player, I CAN read the writing on the wall. Speaking of writing, do a little bit, and we can still work out any differences.

LONDON-PARIS: Hello? Is anybody really out there? I'd like to discuss this like civilized megalomaniacs.

ANKARA-ROME: I took your suggestion that I move North. Ken won't like it, but I bet you're delighted.

MARC-MUFFIN: (Can I call you that, or is that nickname reserved for Honey only?) Yeah, just look at your Mets! Somehow they are executing the famous swan dive usually reserved for the Cubs. It is all irrelevant anyway, because the American League is going to take the series.

RUSSIA-GM: Don't worry, Gregg. I won't reveal our little secret about the A.L. playoffs. It doesn't look like the Angels are going to be there anyway, so you can rest easy.

GM-RUSSIA: I don't know about that, the Angels may just pull it out.

TEXAS-GM: How 'bout them Rangers? They think the objective of baseball is to try not to win a pennant.

GM-TEXAS: All the better for the rest of the AL West.

RUSSIA-AUSTRIA: Can you believe somebody who pretends to be knowledgeable about baseball making a stupid bet like that? I really felt like a piece of slime for taking the bet, but a six-pack's a six-pack!

KENNY, MY BOY, are you ever going to let me live this down?

VENICE-BOARD: Two countries submitting press last season. Sad, truly sad. How do you expect to get your money's worth out of Fritz if you don't write a lot of press? Oh, this rag is free? Never mind!

Supply center chart on next page.

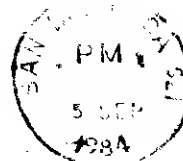
SUPPLY CENTER CHART (1984 CQ)

AUSTRIA	- Home, GRE	4 build 1
ENGLAND	- Home, BEL, NWY	5 build 2
FRANCE	- Home, POR, SPA	5 build 2
GERMANY	- Home, DEN, HOL	5 build 2
ITALY	- Home, SER	4 build 1
RUSSIA	- Home, RUM	5 build 1
TURKEY	- Home, BUL	4 build 1

The Santa Barbarians, a group of Diplomacy devotees, would like to announce a Dipcon to be held on October 13 and 14 in the Santa Barbara area. "Con the Barbarian" is Santa Barbara's first. Game time will be 10am on both days. The cost is \$5 for both days or \$3 per day. Check should be made payable to Dave Villadsen. The address is 178 Placer Drive, Goleta, CA 93117. More information can be obtained by writing Dave at the above mentioned address. Please enclose a SASE with request.

That's all folks!

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